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PETITION FOR THIRD MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A further extension of time, to and including December 3, 2003, is requested for response to the final office action dated June 3, 2003. Along with a response to final office action filed October 30, 2003, a petition for a two-month extension of time, along with the appropriate fee, was submitted. The remaining fee required for the third month extension through December 3, 2003, is believed to be \$265.00, and it is requested that this amount be debited from Deposit Account No. 23/2825. If the fee is calculated incorrectly, then it is requested that the appropriate fee be debited from this account.

Respectfully submitted,

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